

**SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION**

**SALEM, CONNECTICUT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 17, 2010**

**Present**

Pam Henry      Jim Burke  
Bob Appleby      Rich Cirillo  
Al Giansanti      Peter Lee  
Sue Spang/Chairperson  
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

**Absent**

Kim Bingham      Joe Dalton

**Call to order:**

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

**1. Minutes:**

Correction to 6. Old Business f. tennis courts to read: S. Spang will see that a squeegee will be purchased for the courts.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Lee) to approve the April minutes as amended. Vote: unanimous**

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

S. Spang presented the Treasury Report.

**M/S/C (Cirillo/Appleby) to accept the Treasury Report as presented. Vote: unanimous**

**3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:**

Guest Ron Baker approached the Commission; he is working on his Master Gardener and needs to complete 30 of community service. He would like to redo the gardens at the Round Hill Road Complex. Ron will be using local businesses for purchases. He requested \$500.00 from the commission for material supplies for the project.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Lee) to approve funds up to \$500.00 to Ron Baker for materials expense for the gardens at the Round Hill Road complex. Vote: unanimous**

Don Bourdeau Report:

The basketball hoop at the school needs to be checked to make sure the new volleyball sleeve will not interfere with the hoop.

The field on the Gabois property will be mowed once a month.

The driveway for the Multi Use Path will need an apron. One dirt pile has been moved, one more needs to be knocked down. The barrier will be put in so no vehicles can enter the path.

Discussion took place concerning the safety of people parking in the lot of Town Hall and walking down the slope to the ball fields. The location of a set of stairs was discussed to deter people from walking on Round Hill Road.

Eight "No Soft Toss" signs are needed at the ball fields. A. Giansanti will see if there is money in the SYBL budget for the purchase of the signs.

If volunteers are dragging the field, they need to be 2 feet away from the grass so dirt buildup won't happen. Al Giansanti will firm the procedure up with Don Bourdeau, Don will put it in writing so Al can distribute to the teams.

P. Lee suggested removing some of the grass from the base line to the dugout to help out with the softball field maintenance.

It was suggested on the Major League field, a path of sod be cut from the mound to home plate.

P. Henry asked if the bleachers could be moved on the Major field for a better line of site for spectators.

The Major league metal shed needs to be fixed or replaced. A. Giansanti and P. Henry will assess the situation and report back to the Commission.

The RC Propbusters will have their Memorial Fly In on June 26 & 27. It is open to the public, hotdogs and hamburgers will be available.

#### **4. Additions and Revisions:**

S. Spang added to New Business:

g. Soccer Field Drainage

#### **5. New Business:**

##### **a. Budget**

The town budget was approved for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

##### **b. Disc Golf**

R. Cirillo suggested a disc golf course be put in on the Gadbois Field. S. Spang will have to ask permission of the BOS. She will also put out an email to the CT Parks & Recreation Association to ask for input from other towns.

c. **Memorial Day**

Parade will be on Monday May 31. A. Giansanti will judge the bike decorating contest. The Recreation Commission will have a table set up with flyers for upcoming programs and information.

d. **Volley Ball**

Salem School has inserted the sleeves for the volley ball nets. The Commission is purchasing the poles and nets for use. JayPro estimated the expense to be \$2, 950.00.

**M/S/C (B. Appleby/A. Giansanti) for \$2,950.00 to be used from the maintenance line item #0645-085-0301-000 to purchase the poles and nets for volley ball. Vote: unanimous**

e. **Tennis**

Discussion took place for the back board for the tennis courts; materials involved and placement of the board on the court. Material expense would be approximately \$600.00.

**M/S/C (R. Cirillo/P. Henry) to approve funding for the back board for the tennis courts up to \$600.00 for materials from the maintenance line item #0645-085-0301-000. Vote: unanimous**

f. **Mission Statement**

Postponed until June meeting.

g. **Soccer Field Drainage**

Work to repair the drainage problem at the RHR soccer field needs to be scheduled. B. Appleby felt as though fall would be the best time. Plans of the site will be reviewed.

**6. Old Business:**

- a. **Baseball** – “War at the Shore” will have Babe Ruth field use for Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup> weekends. This has already been scheduled. A fee of \$600.00 will be paid for the use of the field. \$300 is expected to be paid to the Recreation Commission for field use from Bob Banker’s team.
- b. **Soccer**- B. Appleby reported everything is fine.
- c. **Basketball** – No report at this time.
- d. **Halloween 2010**- No report at this time.
- e. **Multi Purpose Path** – See Don Bourdeau Report.
- f. **Tennis Courts**- See Don Bourdeau Report.

**7. Other Business**

Capital Projects

Listed on the Capital Projects is: snack stand; tennis/basketball electrical work; multipurpose path; parking lot expansion; and softball conversion. S. Spang will speak with Kevin Lyden about use of funds.

The week of July 26 to 30 is the Multi Sports Camp. It will be held at the Round Hill Road complex.

**8. Adjournment:**

**M/S/C (Cirillo/Henry) to adjourn meeting at 9:00pm. Vote: Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary